

EVENING STAR.

WASHINGTON CITY:
FRIDAY, February 11, 1899.

Though "The Star" is printed on the finest steam press in use south of Baltimore, its edition is so large as to require it to be put to press at an early hour. Advertisements, therefore, should be sent in 7 1/2 o'clock, m.; otherwise they may not appear until the next day.

SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.

The Union, speaking of the admission of Oregon, thinks that there are few subjects that have come before the present Congress of greater national importance than this of the annexation of a new State to the Union upon the Pacific side, and rejoices at the absence of party feeling and the obliteration of party lines upon a question before the present Congress. The same paper publishes and comments upon the recent speech of Mr. Stewart, of Md., on the subject of the tariff.

The Intelligencer also publishes the speech of Mr. Stewart on the tariff question, and is devoted to Congressional proceedings and news.

THE WEEKLY STAR.

This valuable and popular family paper, full of Metropolitan News and Gossip, and choice literary reading, is now on our counter, ready for delivery to the public. Among its interesting contents are the following articles:

Fair Profits and Living Wages, by Jessie May;

An Old Story in a New Dress;

Extraordinary Suicide in New Orleans—A man buries himself alive—Takes poison in a tomb.

The Hidden Hand, by Mrs. Emma D. E. N. Southworth;

Two Pages of Local Intelligence, containing proceedings of the Supreme, Claims, Circuit and Police Courts, Smithsonian Lectures, City Items, &c.;

Two Pages of Washington News and Gossip, containing Congressional Proceedings, Department News, Editorials, &c.;

Late news, foreign and domestic, by mail and telegraph;

Interesting Personal Items;

And a great variety of choice literary articles, both prose and poetry, too numerous to mention.

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Three counterfeiters have been arrested in Cairo, Ill., and \$2,000 in counterfeit money secured.

The most valuable span of horses in the United States is said to be owned by Commodore Vanderbilt, of New York. They are matched horses. They cost him \$7,000, and he has been offered \$9,000 for them.

The Charleston Mercury opposes the acquisition of Cuba, on the ground that this island is now the headquarters of the slave trade, and that were it to pass into our hands, we should be honorably bound to stop the importation of Africans.

COUNTERFEIT BANK NOTES.—The Massachusetts Legislature has made a grant of \$2,500 a year for ten years, to an association of banks for the suppression of counterfeit bank notes. Photography is now used to reproduce bank bills with great success.

The New York Central Railroad Company have procured a calorific engine to use at their water-works at Rome, N. Y., in place of a steam engine. It is said to work well, and it only costs 30 cents a day to run it. It is used to pump water from the Mohawk river into the water-house of the company.

The N. O. Picayune says that the bar at the mouth of the Mississippi is probably in a worse condition than it has before for years. A considerable fleet of vessels lie at that point, unable to get in or out of the river, many of them hard aground, or at least sticking in the soft oozy mud of the bar.

The last rail was laid on the Memphis and Ohio Railroad on the 29th ult., on the stretch between Brownsville and the junction with the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, thus completing the continuous connection by rail from Memphis with Columbus, Ky., and through that place with the entire system of roads radiating from Cairo.

At a late soiree at Count de Kisseloff's, a new Polish waltz was introduced, in which each gentleman holds a glass filled with champagne, and the grand point is to go round the room without spilling the wine. Some young Russians displayed great address in performing this difficult feat.

THE CANADIAN FEDERATION SCHEME.—All the Lower Provinces, with the exception of Newfoundland, have refused to send delegates to the proposed Convention to discuss the question of a federal union. Until they consent, nothing farther can be done towards a consummation of the project.

A retired Lieutenant General, aged 83, living at the Hague, sent a cake to his mistress, a young woman, who gave a portion of it to her brother, a soldier, who immediately fell sick and died. The officer was apprehended on the charge of using arsenic, and unsuccessfully endeavored to commit suicide.

A dealer in furs at Taunton, Mass., advertises for skunk skins, rat skins, &c. The Gazette says he has received and sold, since December, the skins of upward of eleven hundred animals common to Eastern Massachusetts, all of which were collected within a circuit of fifteen miles from Taunton, and of the whole number six hundred were skunks!

Lola Montes lectured in Manchester on the 9th inst., on America and Americans. She characterized the spittion as one of the institutions of America; although she was glad to say that it was gradually disappearing from the drawing rooms of New York, and Philadelphia and Boston. What does Lola know about the drawing rooms?

ENGLISH CHURCH SERVICE.—The steamer Asia brings us a proclamation from her Majesty the Queen, forbidding the use in future of the special services in the Book of Common Prayer, for the three State holidays, known as the "Gunpowder Plot," "Martyrdom of Charles I.," and the "Restoration of Charles II." These days are not henceforth to be observed as holidays.

Buffalo, the greatest grain market in the world, is just now short of grain, and Buffalo agents have been in the towns up the Genesee Valley, purchasing corn, oats, and even barley, for that city. There is probably half a million of bushels of wheat in the elevators at Buffalo; but other grains are short, and consumers, who have hitherto relied upon deposits made there from the West, in the fall, are compelled to go eastward, into the interior, for supplies.

DRAINAGE OF LONDON.—The Bank of England have just agreed to lend a sum equal to \$15,000,000 to the Metropolitan Board of Works at 3 1/2 per cent, to be expended during the next three or four years in completing the main drainage of London and the purification of the Thames. The loan is guaranteed by the Government, and principal and interest are to be met by an annual rate equal to 1 1/4 per cent. upon the value of all real estate in London. At present this tax will produce about \$80,000 a year, and the estimate is that the entire loan will be repaid in about thirty years.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES.—We understood that the members of the investigating committees of the House of Representatives are under obligations of secrecy as to what transpired in their sessions, and we are assured that the Democratic members thereof have decided to violate this rule. It is extremely unfair that the Opposition members should not likewise keep their pledge, which it is pretty evident, from the following paragraphs from the New York Times and Tribune, and others of a similar character previously published, they have not done:

"The House select investigating committee on printing discovered another fraud of between twenty and thirty thousand dollars to-day in a contract with a Philadelphia house for paper."

"The committee of investigation relative to the navy failed to close the testimony this week. Every day's developments present new wonders of corruption; and the committee's report will create a greater explosion than any other document of the century. Searing says that he can prove that he paid for painting his house."

This distribution of such portions of the nominal evidence as suit the pious inclination of the Opposition press, by piecemeal, if the work of members of the committee, is tolerably good evidence that they do not expect the final report to be one out of which they can make political capital; and hence their determination to make it do all possible injury to parties accused, by distributing quoted portions of it, and by piecemeal, in advance.

JUDGE McCANDLESS.—The recent appointment of the Hon. Wilson McCandless, of Pittsburgh, to be the United States District Judge for the western district of Pennsylvania, appears to meet the unanimous approval of the press of that State. This was to have been expected; for while he has for twenty years past been a leading Democratic party man, active and efficient as such on all proper occasions, no other distinguished lawyer of the State has enjoyed, as a man, a larger share of the confidence of all who know him. The Pennsylvania says of his appointment:

"AN EXCELLENT APPOINTMENT.—We learn from Washington that the President has nominated Judge Wilson McCandless, of Pittsburgh, to be Judge of the District Court of the United States for Western Pennsylvania, in place of Judge Irwin, resigned. A number of gentlemen were named for this place, and several were backed up by the press with much earnestness, by their respective friends. While it may be admitted that the public interests would not have been prejudiced by the selection of either, it is believed that the appointment of Mr. McCandless is sure to meet the general approval of men of all parties in that section. As a gentleman, a scholar and a jurist, he enjoys the respect of all who know him, and in the respect he is regarded as eminently qualified for the bench."

There is great propriety in this appointment in another aspect. Col. McCandless has ever been the earnest, reliable, personal and political friend of James Buchanan, and has always been faithful to the Democratic cause—alike in adversity and in prosperity. While the appointment of others may have been desired by their friends, that of Mr. McCandless cannot be regarded as objectionable or offensive by any Democrat or friend of the President.

TOM AND TABBY AGAIN.—We find the following in the dispatch of a special correspondent to the New York Tribune, dated Washington, February 9:

"In the Executive session of the Senate last evening, an exciting debate arose on the appointment of Benjamin Wiggin, of Maine, as Commissioner of the Reciprocity treaty with Great Britain, to mark the line between the river and sea fishery. It was charged that the appointment was made to reward Wiggin for having voted for Buchanan in the Cincinnati Convention, and that he is utterly unqualified, and an unsafe man for so important a post. The Senate declined to confirm Wiggin, and the case was laid aside for future action."

This indicates that the late investigation as to who betrayed the secrets of the Senate's Executive session has not resulted in stopping the leakage. If poor Tommy and Tabby were expelled from their quarters under the gallery, and we suppose they were, this renewal of the offense would imply that the verdict against them was unjust, and that it was from other sources that newspaper writers obtained their information. But, jesting aside, as the above paragraph involves what is calculated to damage the private character of a party who has no opportunity of defending himself, this case is far different from the other, wherein it was the reputation of Senators only that was concerned. They could clear themselves promptly of unjust aspersions, which this party cannot do.

FACTS AND REMOVS.—The correspondent of the New York News says:

"The Opposition begin to fear that the Administration will not be followed in its determination to annex Cuba. It has leaked out that a secret personal agent of the Queen of Spain has been in this country for a twelve-month, and that there have been several meetings between the Queen and the President. The President is said to be a lawyer of great eminence in Spain, and to have the charge of the Queen's private estate, and knows her wishes and intentions better than her Ministers, or the whole of the Court combined."

The Baltimore Exchange says that:

"A letter from Paris by the last steamer, from a prominent source, states on information received from Madrid, that it is not probable Mr. Preston will be received as United States Minister, but if he should be received, the first intimation to him relative to his purchase of Cuba would be deemed sufficient ground for giving up his passports. Our Government, however, is not in receipt of any official information from Spain on this subject."

Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, denies that there is truth in the report that he desires to succeed Mr. Iverson in the Senate. He intends to withdraw entirely from public service.

The Baltimore Republican's correspondent pays the following compliment to Mr. Barksdale:

"The Hon. Wm. Barksdale, of Mississippi, has on several occasions lately acted as Speaker of the House; the able manner in which he has conducted his relative duties, in the numerous proceedings, is a common subject of commendation. He has shown himself to be prompt, firm and a finished parliamentarian."

THE WEATHER.—The following report of the weather for this morning is made from the Morse Telegraph line to the Smithsonian Institution. The time of observation is about 7 o'clock:

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New York, N. Y.....cloudy.

Philadelphia, Pa.....cloudy.

Baltimore, Md.....cloudy.

Washington, D. C.....cloudy, wind NE.

Richmond, Va.....cloudy, cold.

Petersburg, Va.....clear, 32°.

Norfolk, Va.....clear, 32°.

Wilmington, N. C.....clear, cold.

Raleigh, N. C.....clear, 36°.

Columbia, S. C.....clear, cold.

Charleston, S. C.....clear, 41°.

Augusta, Ga.....clear, cold.

Savannah, Ga.....clear, 39°.

Wind NW.

Macomb, Ga.....clear, cold.

Columbus, Ga.....clear, cold.

Montgomery, Ala.....clear, pleasant.

Lower French Tree, Ala.....clear.

FROM THE WEST.

Frederick, Md.....clear, cold.

Hagerstown, Md.....clear, cold.

Cumberland, Md.....clear, cold.

Pittsburg, Pa.....clear, cold.

Wheeling, Va.....clear, cold.

Grafton, Va.....clear, cold.

Parkersburg, Va.....clear, cold.

Cheney, W. Va.....clear, cold.

Barometer at the Smithsonian at 7 a. m. (corrected for temperature) 30.07, at noon 30.106.

Thermometer at 7 a. m. 23°; at noon 32°.

Maximum during 24 hours ending 9 a. m. today 32°; minimum 22°.

THE FRENCH FANCY DRESS BALL.—It will be recollected that last winter the French residents of Washington city gave a fancy dress ball, which proved to be one of the most amusing and agreeable affairs of the kind ever seen out of Paris, according to the testimony of many traveled gentlemen who were present. They give another such entertainment on Monday evening next at the Assembly Rooms, on Louisiana avenue, for which their preparations are on a much more extensive and interesting scale than for their last annual ball designed

at length in the Star, it will be remembered. Those who, never having been abroad, desire to witness a real French fancy dress ball—a sight really worth seeing—should be sure to attend.

PERSONAL.

John H. Davis, a local packer of Cincinnati, died suddenly on Saturday. A local paper says: "He was highly esteemed as a man of benevolence and enterprise, and was a good judge of pork!"

Col. T. H. Thorpe, the author of "Tom O'Brien, the Hunter," and similar sketches, and favorably known as a contributor to Harper's Monthly, has been known as an interest in the Spirit of the Times, of which paper he will be an associate publisher and editor.

The mother of John G. Saxe, the poet, who resides in Troy, went to Bennington, last week, for the purpose of hearing her son read his poem "Love." Though he has lectured four hundred and fifty times, this was the first time the old lady ever had an opportunity of hearing him read his own work. She confirmed the report that William Smith O'Brien, the distinguished Irish patriot, is about to sail for the United States, but adds that his visit will be wholly of a private nature. He will be accompanied by his son, whose superior talents are well known.

Dan Rice, the clown, now at Niblo's Theatre, gets a salary of \$800 per week, and with his family lives in style at the St. Nicholas Hotel. There is quite a spicy quarrel going on between the local editor of the Tribune and Dan, in which this far, Dan has the laugh on his side.

FROM CALIFORNIA.—By the overland mail, at St. Louis, we learn that an immense mass meeting of Hebrews and Protestants had been held at San Francisco, to express indignation at the abduction of the Jewish boy Mortara.

The deposits at the San Francisco mint for the week ending January 15, were 11,672 ounces, and the coinage \$120,000.

Martin Gallagher had recovered \$2,000 damages from Captain Smith, of the bark Yankee, for deporting him to the Sandwich Islands under a decree of banishment by the vigilance committee.

A rich silver mine had been discovered in Santa Clara county, Cal., and similar sketches, and favorably known as a contributor to Harper's Monthly, has been known as an interest in the Spirit of the Times, of which paper he will be an associate publisher and editor.

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Dates from Honolulu of December 25th had been received at San Francisco. The whaling season was closed. The whole number of whales killed was 1,300; the oil, 130,000 barrels, and the amount of bone upwards of a million and a half pounds. The season was regarded as unprofitable.

There was a terrific storm at Honolulu December 16th, doing the streets, and in some instances submerging houses, destroying from ten to twenty thousand dollars worth of property.

Eighteen of the crew of the Maria Theresa, of New Bedford, had been imprisoned by the U. S. Consul at Honolulu for refusing to do duty.

The clipper War Hawk and Mountain Wave left Honolulu for New Bedford December 24th. The York left for the same port on the 26th, having in port property for the clipper of New Bedford, and Alexander of New London.

The clipper Syren, from Boston, reached Honolulu on the 24th.

Considerable anxiety was felt for the safety of the whaler's Plunk of Nantucket and Ocean Wave of New Bedford; nothing has been heard of them since October 17th.

We have received from Mr. T. Barnard, of the Associated Press Agency, a circular, calling the attention of Southern editors to the fact, that, on and after February 1st, there will be an entire change in the quotations for all kinds of breadstuffs in the Liverpool market. The central, or 100 lbs. standard, will be adopted, and everything will be quoted at so much per cental, or 100 lbs. The steamer Vigo, of the City of Baltimore, of Feb. 2d, will probably bring the first market report under the new regulation.

We have advices from Tampico to Jan. 15, and from Brownsville to the 26th. The garrison at the former place were in a disaffected state, owing to the stoppage of their pay. Business was dull; the only prospect of improvement depending upon the success of Miramon in relieving San Luis Potosi and expelling the Liberals from Tampico. Gen. Garza had taken the field, leaving the Government of interior in the hands of Don Andres Trevino.

A servant woman, found guilty of setting a dwelling house of Mr. James S. Jones, of Spotsylvania, Va., on fire, has been sentenced to be hung. She has confessed the crime, and acknowledged that it was intention to destroy the lives of the whole family. As it was, they made a narrow escape.

The Avalanche office, at Memphis, Tenn., has been set on fire twelve times within a short period, but fortunately the fire was discovered before any damage was done. The incendiary proves to be a negro boy, who is at present in the press room where the paper is printed.

Dates from Belize, British Honduras, are to Jan. 5. Business was extremely dull; the town healthy. The schooner Mary, of Orleans, was cast away near the shore of Yucatan, the captain and crew escaping after much suffering and with great difficulty.

In the case of Peter Corrie, convicted at Towson, Md., of the murder of Officer Rigdon, in Baltimore, last fall, the argument of the motion for a new trial was concluded yesterday on both sides, the judge reserving his decision until to-day.

The number of shares requisite to organize the Eastern Shore Railroad Company, Maryland, have all been taken, and the 22d inst. is appointed for the election of directors and the organization of the company.

THE BELGIAN PAVEMENT IN NEW YORK.—Mr. Cummings, Jr., has offered to put down the Belgian pavement in Broadway, New York, for \$1 30 per square yard, and the bridge stones for 30 cents per square foot.

The total amount of insurance on the property destroyed by the late fire at Boston was \$106,300, which does not cover half the actual loss.

The number of employees at the Norfolk Navy Yard, it is expected, will soon be reduced from 1,800 men, a few weeks ago, to less than 1,000.

A new steam canal boat has just been launched at Brooklyn, N. Y. Her weight, with fuel to last 21 days, is 45 tons. Her steam is commenced by means of air.

O. S. M. MEET-TONIGHT.

LECTURE ON ITALIAN FREEDOM, delivered at the O. S. M. on Saturday evening, Feb. 12th, at 8 o'clock, at the Philadelphia Hall.

Admission 30 cents—tickets to be obtained at the Theatre Box Office, the Bookstore, and at the door.

POSTPONED.—The Lecture of M. Groux for Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., on account of the inclement state of the weather, has been postponed to a KIDNEY EVENING, the 11th inst., when it will be delivered. Whether the weather is unfavorable or not.

MRS. FRANCES ANN KEMBLE begs respectfully to announce that she will give a concert of songs, recitations, and dramatics, at the Philadelphia Hall, towards the last of the present month. Particulars in future advertisements.

PAINTINGS AND STATUARY BY AMERICAN ARTISTS.—The third annual exhibition of the Washington Art Association, consisting of Paintings, Statuaries, Water Colors and various Drawings, will be opened on Monday, at 10 o'clock, at the Association, on Penn. avenue, between 10th and 11th streets, EVERY DAY, from 10 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m., and in the evening from 7 to 10 o'clock.

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